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Henceforth Hilde Benjamin, GDR Minister of Justice, will submit all draft decrees of principal importance to Minister President Otto Grotewohl for his counter-signature. In a draft directive prepared at the Ministry of Justice it was decreed that party cells be formed at all offices of public prosecutors. These party cells were assigned the mission to watch the political attitude of public prosecutors and the way they discharge their duties. In the draft directive it was stated that public prosecutors were held to pay special attention to the situation in agricultural production cooperatives because the center of gravity in the class struggle had shifted to the village. One passage of the directive runs as follows: "Our opponent is waging a ruthless fight against us, using arson, sabotage, and even murder. This enemy must be annihilated no matter what disguise he may use and where he may strike".

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